

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE BUREAU OF THE MINT.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*Copy of a communication from the Director of the Mint requesting that the sum of \$500 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for "contingent expenses of the Bureau of the Mint," etc., for the fiscal year 1887 be made available for the same object for the current fiscal year.*

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APRIL 13, 1888.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
April 11, 1888.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Director of the Mint of the 10th instant, requesting that the sum of \$500 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for "Contingent expenses of the Bureau of the Mint: For the collection of statistics relative to the annual production of the precious metals in the United States," for the fiscal year 1887, be made available for the same object for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,

C. S. FAIRCHILD,  
*Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
BUREAU OF THE MINT,  
Washington, D. C., April 10, 1888.

SIR: Having undertaken this year a special inquiry into the cost of production of silver, I find it desirable to receive authority for a small expenditure in addition to the \$4,000 regularly appropriated for the current year, and therefore ask that for the important purposes of the present inquiry there be re-appropriated \$500 from the unexpended balance

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of the same appropriation ("Contingent expenses of the Bureau of the Mint: For the collection of statistics relative to the annual production of the precious metals in the United States") in the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation act of July 31, 1886 (24 Stats., 186), for the fiscal year 1887.

Respectfully, yours,

JAS. P. KIMBALL,  
*Director of the Mint.*

Hon. CHARLES S. FAIRCHILD,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*